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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-15. (canceled).

16 (new): A compound of 2-[(2-{(1R,2R)-2-[(1E)-4-hydroxy-4-methyl-1-noneny1]-5-oxocyclopentyl}ethyl)sulfany1]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylic acid,

an R-configuration or an S-configuration thereof due to the presence of an asymmetric carbon, a salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, an S-oxide thereof, a solvate thereof or a prodrug thereof, or a cyclodextrin clathrate thereof.

17. (new): The compound according to claim 16, which is 2-[(2-{(1R,2R)-2-[(1E)-4-hydroxy-4-methyl-1-nonenyl]-5-oxocyclopentyl}ethyl)sulfanyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylic acid or a salt thereof.

18. (new): The compound according to claim 16, which is

the R-configuration of 2-[(2-{(1R,2R)-2-[(1E)-4-hydroxy-4-methyl-1-nonenyl]-5-oxocyclopentyl}ethl)sulfanyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylic acid or a salt thereof.

19. (new): The compound according to claim 16, which is

the S-configuration of 2-[(2-{(1R,2R)-2-[(1E)-4-hydroxy-4-methyl-1-nonenyl]-5-oxocyclopentyl}ethyl)sulfanyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylic acid or a salt thereof.